

BENJAMIN PRICE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 154.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. ANDREWS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom the petition of Benjamin Price was referred, report :

That they concur in the report hereto annexed, made at the 3d session of the 25th Congress, and report a bill.

JANUARY 16, 1839.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Price, of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, praying the allowance of a pension for services rendered during the revolutionary war, report :

That the petitioner has given ample and satisfactory proof of having been employed in the army as a teamster, for a period of more than two years ; and also satisfactory evidence of having served as a private in the army for a period of three months, as appears by credible witnesses, who have testified to the facts, and whose testimony is among the papers filed by the petitioner.

Notwithstanding the law granting pensions, passed June 7, 1832, to the officers and soldiers of the revolution, requires a service of six months to entitle applicants to the benefits of its provisions ; and notwithstanding there is, in the present case, but three months' actual military duty proven ; yet, when that service is taken in connexion with the length of time the petitioner was in the army, performing service, which a strict interpretation of the law does not recognise as military duty ; and, added to this, the fact that the petitioner is old and very poor, the committee conceive it to be a case which appeals to the benevolence of Congress and the gratitude of the country in strong language ; and they therefore report a bill for six months, equal to twenty dollars a year, commencing from March 4, 1831.

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[To accompany bill H. R. No. 144.]

MARCH 5, 1837.

Mr. Andrews, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom the petition of Benjamin Price was referred, report:
That they concur in the report hereto annexed, made at the 3d session of the 35th Congress, and report a bill.

JANUARY 16, 1837.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Price, of Johnston county, New Jersey, praying the allowance of a pension for services rendered during the revolution, report:

That the petitioner has given simple and satisfactory proof of having been employed in the army as a tender, for a period of more than two years; and also satisfactory evidence of having served as a private in the army for a period of three months as appears by credible witnesses, who have testified to the facts, and whose testimony is among the papers filed by the petitioner.

Notwithstanding the law granting pensions, passed June 7, 1832, to the officers and soldiers of the revolution, requires a service of six months to entitle applicants to the benefits of its provisions; and notwithstanding there is, in the present case, but three months' actual military duty, yet, when that service is taken in connection with the length of time the petitioner was in the army, performing service, which a strict interpretation of the law does not recognize as military duty; and, added to this, the fact that the petitioner is old and very poor, the committee conceive it to be a case which appeals to the benevolence of Congress and the gratitude of the country in strong language; and they therefore report a bill for six months' equal to twenty dollars a year, commencing from March 4, 1837.